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20. The process of claim 18, wherein the adhesive is an epoxy resin.

21. The process of claim 19, wherein the adhesive is an epoxy resin.

22. The process of claim 17, wherein the adhesive is an epoxy resin. --

**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-22 are now present in this application, with new claims 11-22 being added

by the present Preliminary Amendment. It should be noted that the amendments to original

claims 1-10 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place

the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other

statutory considerations. For example, amendments have been made to broaden the claims;

remove reference numerals in the claims; remove the European phrase "characterized in that";

remove multiple dependencies in the claims; and to place claims in a more recognizable U.S.

form, including the use of the transitional phrase "comprising" as well as the phrase

"wherein". Other such non-narrowing amendments include placing apparatus-type claims

(setting elements forth in separate paragraphs) in a more recognizable U.S. form. Again, all

amendments are non-narrowing and have been made solely to place the claims in proper form

for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations.

SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.125, a substitute specification has been included in

lieu of substitute paragraphs in connection with the present Preliminary Amendment. The

substitute specification is submitted in clean form, attached hereto, and is accompanied by a

marked-up version showing the changes made to the original specification. The changes have

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been made in an effort to place the specification in better form for U.S. practice. No new

matter has been added by these changes to the specification. Further, the substitute

specification includes paragraph numbers to facilitate amendment practice as requested by the

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**CONCLUSION** 

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the

allowability of each of claims 1-22 in connection with the present application is earnestly

solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the

telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future

replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any

additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly,

extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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